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**PREVIOUSLY...**

### AMBUSHED?

Sonic and his friends have traveled to the desert country of Shamar to find Ehsan, the guardian of that region's Gaia Key! There they met the Shamar Freedom Fighters and set out to rescue Ehsan from the Egg Army, but instead fell into a trap!

Meanwhile, Sally and Bunnie have been hunting for the final missing Chaos Emerald!

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ARID SANDS ZONE--  
JUST OUTSIDE THE  
GAIA TEMPLE...

# FACE OF THE ENEMY

Part Two: FRIENDS IN DEED

JUUUUUUST  
GREAT!

THIS WAS SUPPOSED  
TO BE A RESCUE  
MISSION! NOW I'M  
IN THE THICK OF IT!

AT LEAST  
WITH THE  
EGG ARMY  
HERE...

SONIC THE  
WEREHOG  
SONIC'S FEROCIOUS  
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"...THINGS SHOULD  
BE EASIER FOR  
EVERYONE ELSE!"

ANTOINE  
SWORDSMAN

TRYING TO BLIND  
ME SO YOU CAN ROAST  
ME? ZAT IS NOT ZE  
FAIR FIGHT!

FWOOSH!  
CHING!

LUCKILY, I AM  
TOO SKILLED TO NEED  
ZE FAIR FIGHT!

I AM FINE, *MES*  
*AMIES*, BUT ZE EGG  
ARMY IS KNOWING  
WE ARE HERE.

HURRY! WE MUST  
FIND EHSAN BEFORE  
ZE ENEMY CAN  
RALLY...

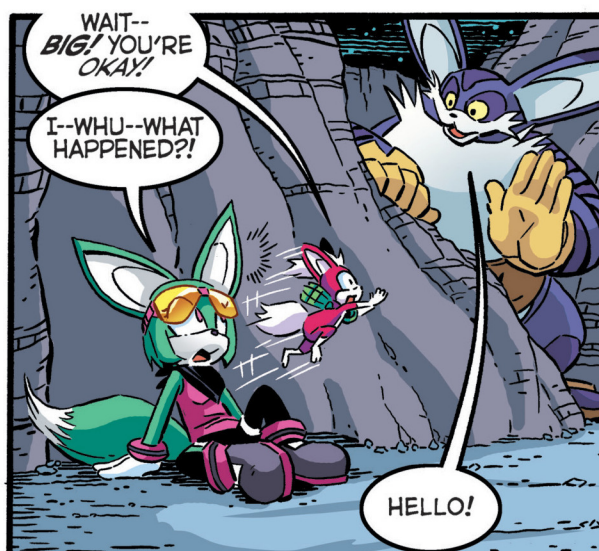
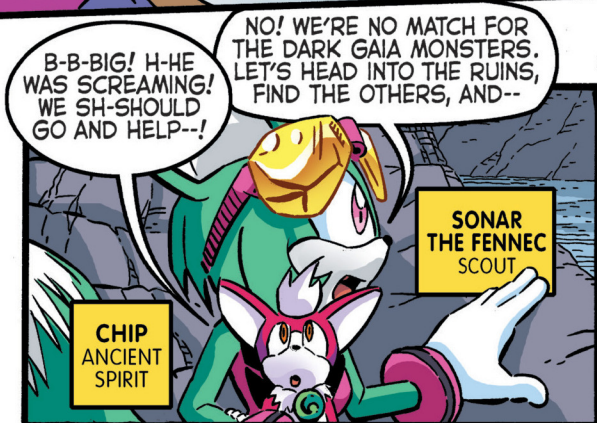
TREVOR  
BURROW  
BLIND  
BURROWER

ANTOINE?  
WE HEARD  
YOU  
SCREAM  
AND--!

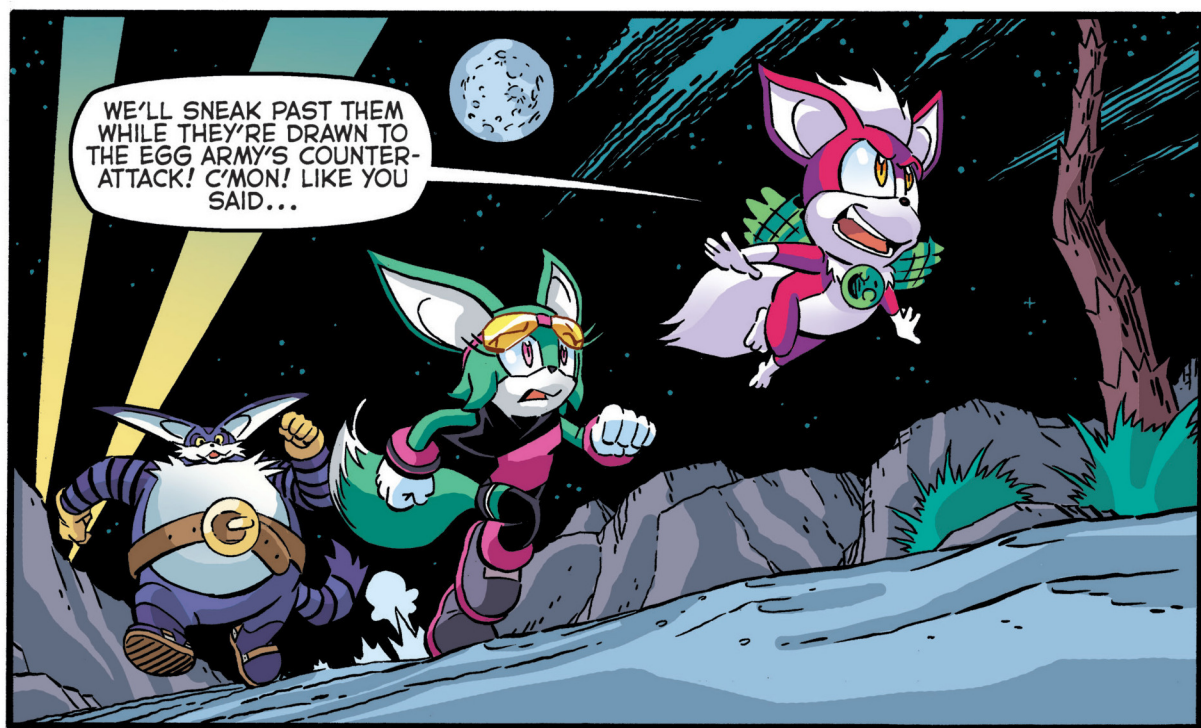
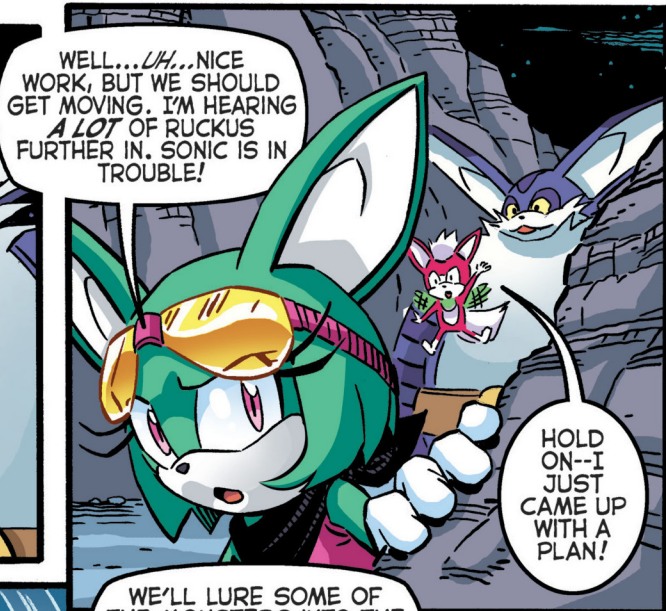
SPIKE THE  
PORCUPINE  
SPIKY HERO













"...SONIC NEEDS US!"

NEPHTHYS  
THE  
VULTURE  
REGIONAL  
EGG BOSS

THWAK!

RRRGH!

YOU'RE  
ONLY  
MAKING  
THINGS  
WORSE  
FOR US  
ALL, YOU  
KNOW.

YEAH?  
HOW'S  
THAT?

YOUR CONSTANT  
FIGHTING,  
*ANTAGONIZING*  
EGGMAN, ONLY  
SERVES TO MAKE  
HIM REACT MORE  
VICIOUSLY.

SO--WHAT?  
YOU WANT ME  
TO JUST ROLL  
OVER AND LET  
HIM HAVE HIS  
WAY? THAT'S  
NOT HAPPEN-  
ING, LADY.

HE *CAN'T* BE STOPPED.  
WE EITHER *LIVE* IN HIS  
EMPIRE, OR *DIE* IN THE  
FALLOUT OF YOUR FEUD.

OR--I KICK HIS BUTT  
AND WE ALL LIVE  
HAPPILY EVER AFTER.  
YOU CAN THANK  
ME LATER.



MEANWHILE...

MONSIEUR EHSAN,  
I AM PRESUMING?  
WE ARE ZE FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS! WE'VE  
COME TO RESCUE  
YOU!

DID  
ZEY HARM  
YOU?

NO. THEY'VE BEEN  
MERCIFUL, BUT THE  
CURRY THEY'VE  
BEEN FEEDING ME  
IS AWFUL!

IT'S  
*NOT* THAT  
BAD...

I SENSE MOVEMENT  
DOWN THE HALL.  
LOTS OF FOOT  
TRAFFIC. EGG ARMY  
AND... UH...?

MON  
DIEU!

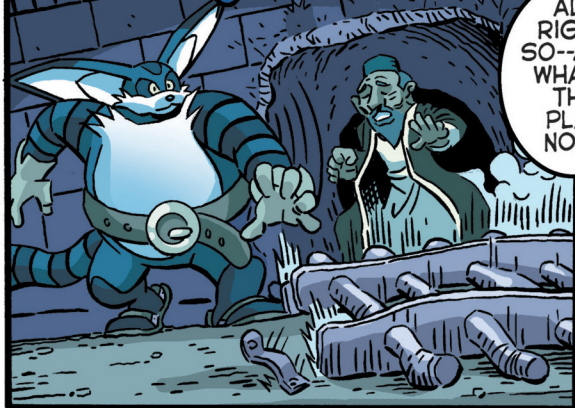
SO...*HI!*  
ARE WE  
RESCUING  
THIS GUY  
OR NOT?

I *TOLD*  
YOU IT  
WOULD  
WORK!

I GOT  
THIS!



# SQUUNCH!

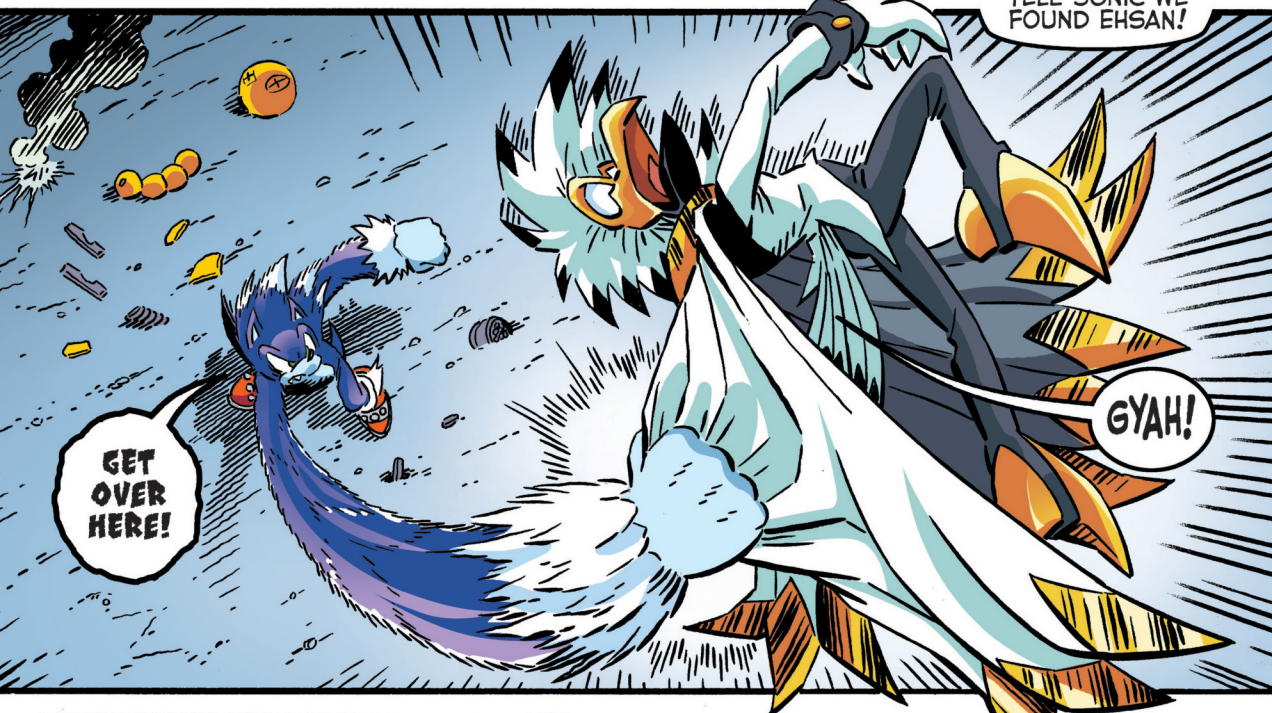


ALL  
RIGHT,  
SO--UH--  
WHAT'S  
THE  
PLAN  
NOW?



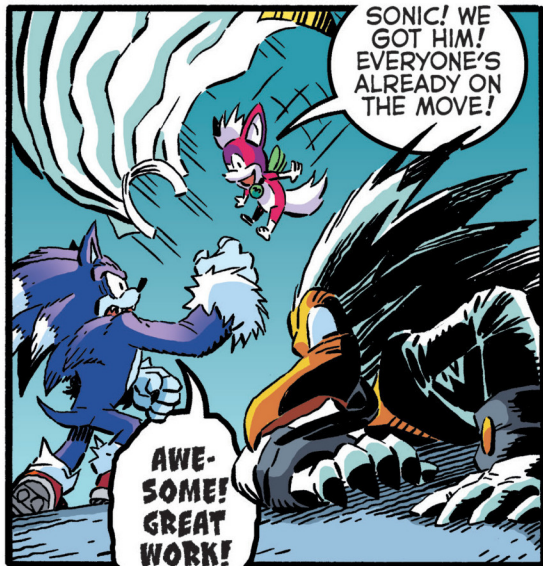
SHH--HOLD ON.  
I'M HEARING **LOTS**  
OF FIGHTING  
BETWEEN THE EGG  
ARMY AND MONSTERS.  
IT SOUNDS LIKE  
SONIC IS FIGHTING  
THE EGG BOSS...

YOU GUYS GET  
OUT OF HERE! I'LL  
TELL SONIC WE  
FOUND EHSAN!



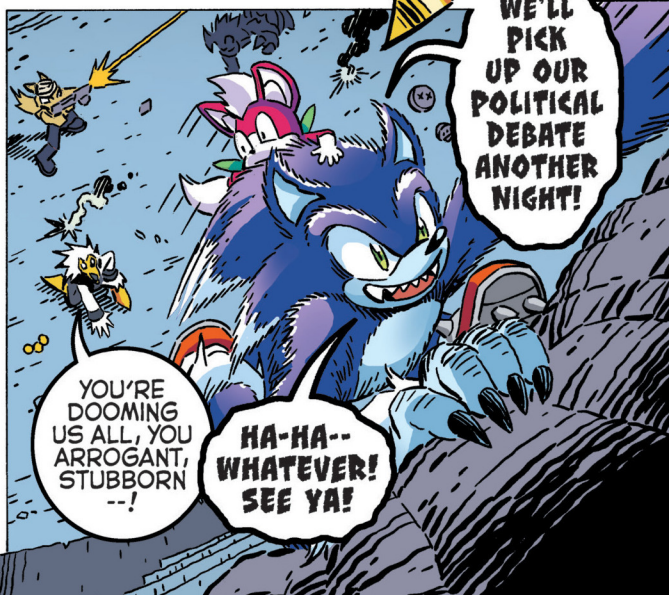
GET  
OVER  
HERE!

GYAH!



SONIC! WE  
GOT HIM!  
EVERYONE'S  
ALREADY ON  
THE MOVE!

AWE-  
SOME!  
GREAT  
WORK!

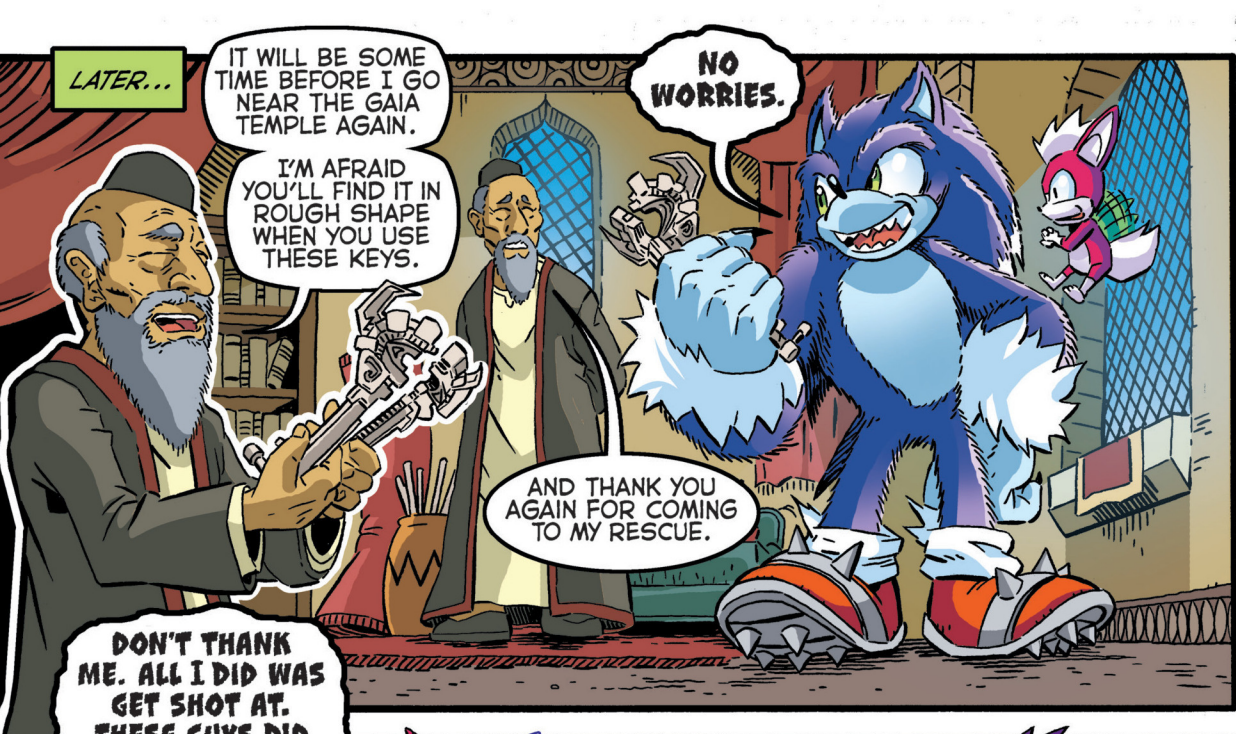


WE'LL  
PICK  
UP OUR  
POLITICAL  
DEBATE  
ANOTHER  
NIGHT!

YOU'RE  
DOOMING  
US ALL, YOU  
ARROGANT,  
STUBBORN  
--!

HA-HA--  
WHATEVER!  
SEE YA!





LATER...

IT WILL BE SOME TIME BEFORE I GO NEAR THE GAIA TEMPLE AGAIN.

I'M AFRAID YOU'LL FIND IT IN ROUGH SHAPE WHEN YOU USE THESE KEYS.

NO WORRIES.

AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR COMING TO MY RESCUE.

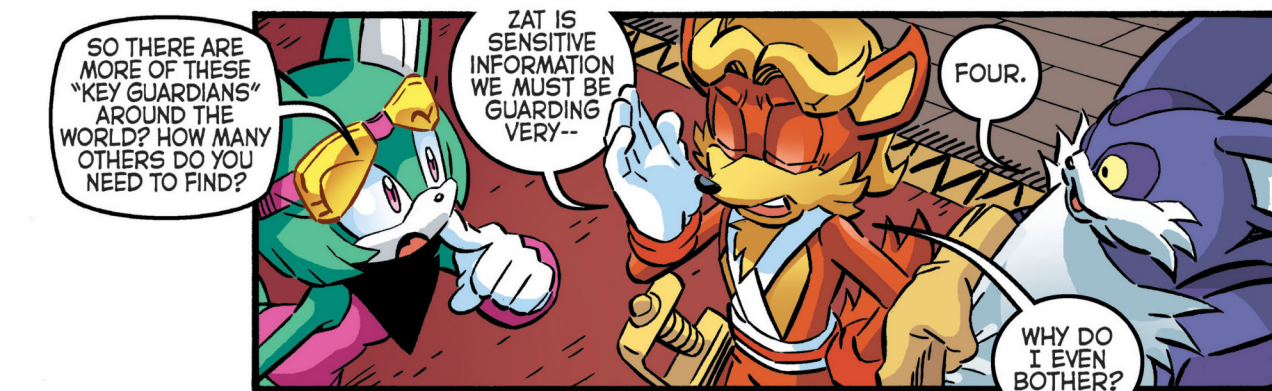
DON'T THANK ME. ALL I DID WAS GET SHOT AT. THESE GUYS DID ALL THE HARD WORK.



I'M GLAD WE COULD LINK UP TEAMS, SPIKE. YOU REALLY HELPED US OUT.



IT'S BEEN AN HONOR, SIR. I HOPE WE CAN DO IT AGAIN SOME DAY.



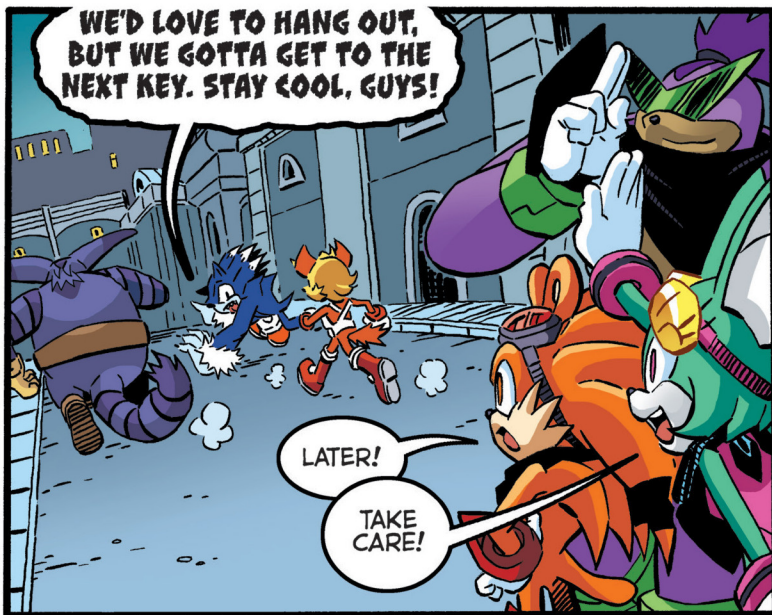
SO THERE ARE MORE OF THESE "KEY GUARDIANS" AROUND THE WORLD? HOW MANY OTHERS DO YOU NEED TO FIND?

ZAT IS SENSITIVE INFORMATION WE MUST BE GUARDING VERY--

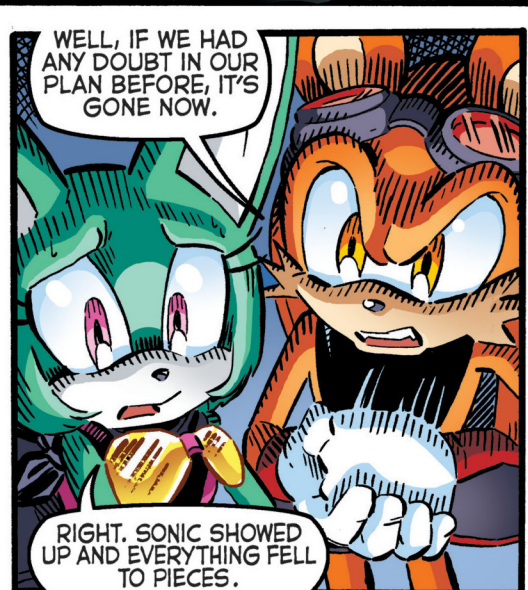
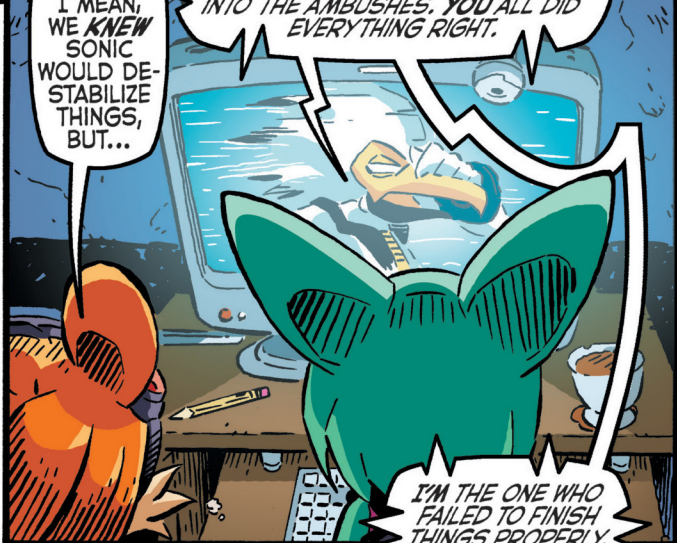
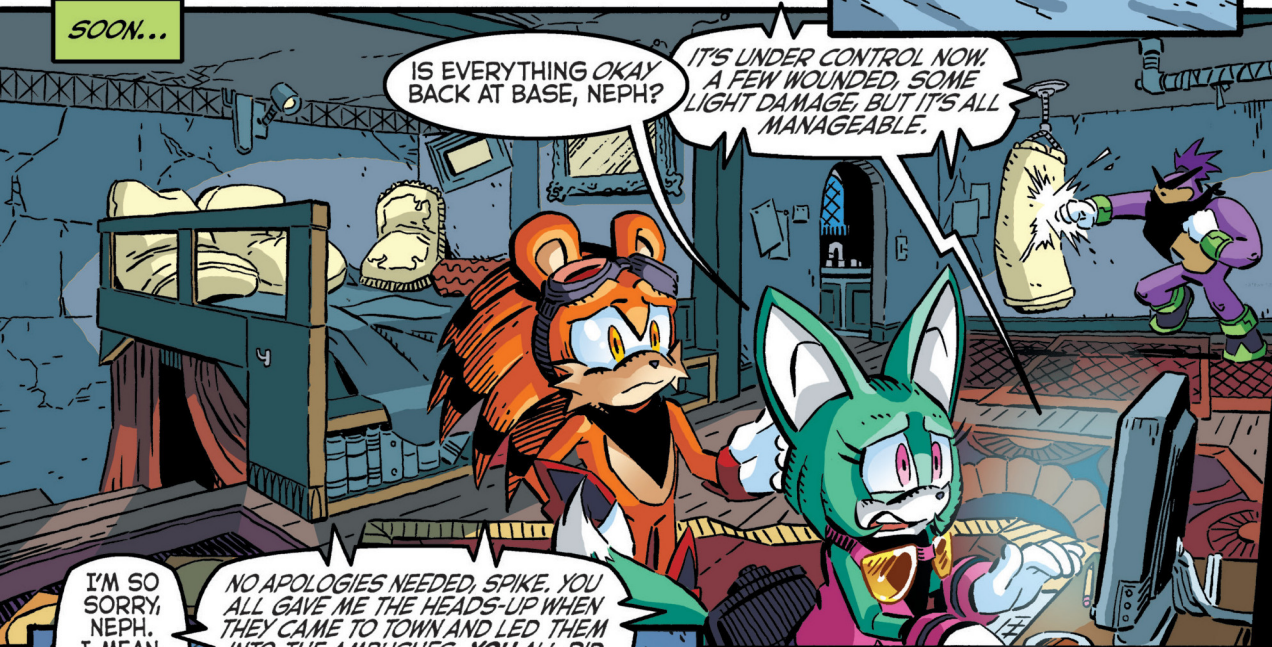
FOUR.

WHY DO I EVEN BOTHER?

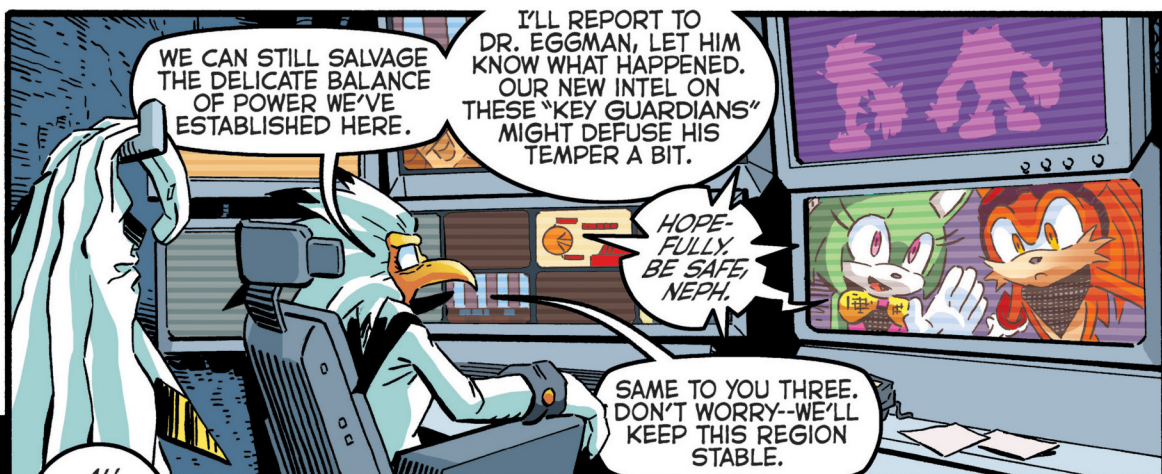




SOON...







...WAIT. WHY IS *HE* CALLING *ME*? DOES HE SOMEHOW KNOW...?



INCOMING CALL!

INCOMING CALL!



## What IS That Mission?

CHECK OUT "EGGMAN'S DOZEN" IN *SONIC UNIVERSE* TO FIND OUT!  
*NEXT TIME*, THE WORLD-SPANNING ADVENTURE *CONTINUES!*  
AND YOU CAN FIND EVEN *MORE SONIC ADVENTURES* IN THE  
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BUNNIE  
"RABBOT"  
D'COOLETTE  
FREEDOM  
FIGHTER

NO  
SUDDEN  
MOVES,  
GOT IT?

CASSIA THE  
PRONGHORN  
CO-EGG BOSS

LADY  
CASSIA!  
ARE  
YOU ALL  
RIGHT?

## HIDDEN COSTS PART THREE

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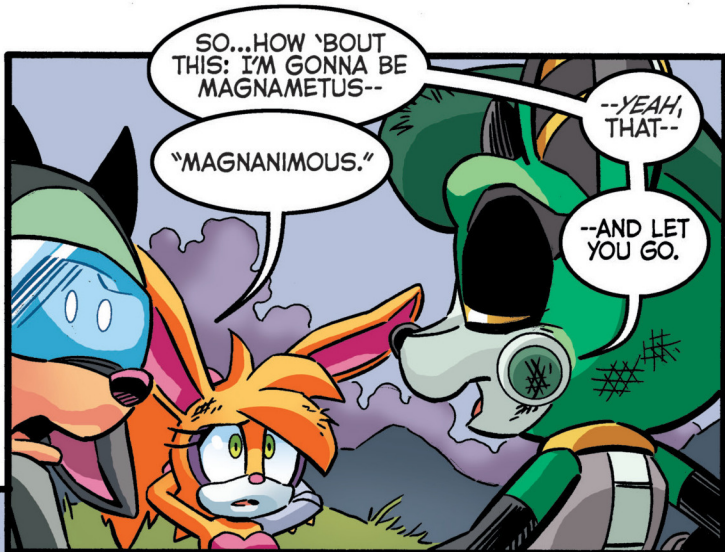
UGH,  
DON'T WORRY  
ABOUT IT.  
BESIDES,  
CHECK OUT  
WHAT I  
FOUND!

IS  
THAT...  
A CHAOS  
EMERALD  
...?

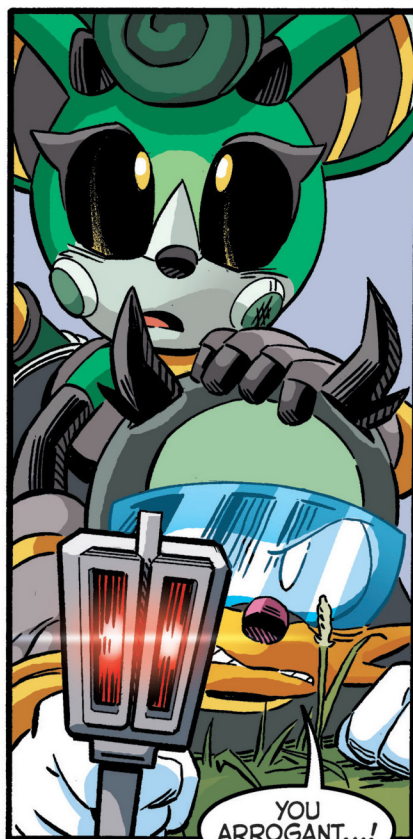
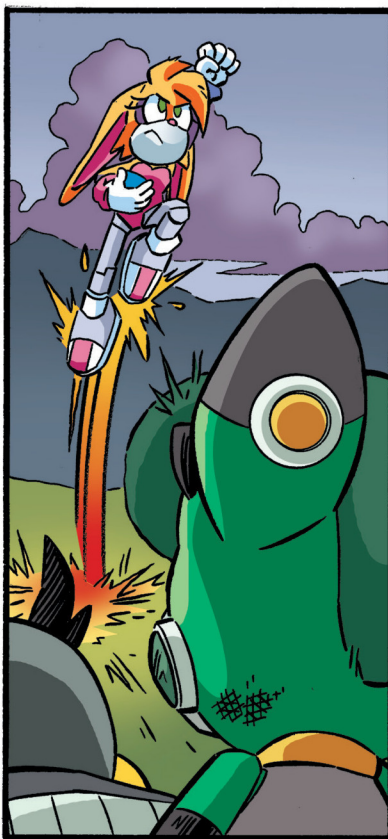
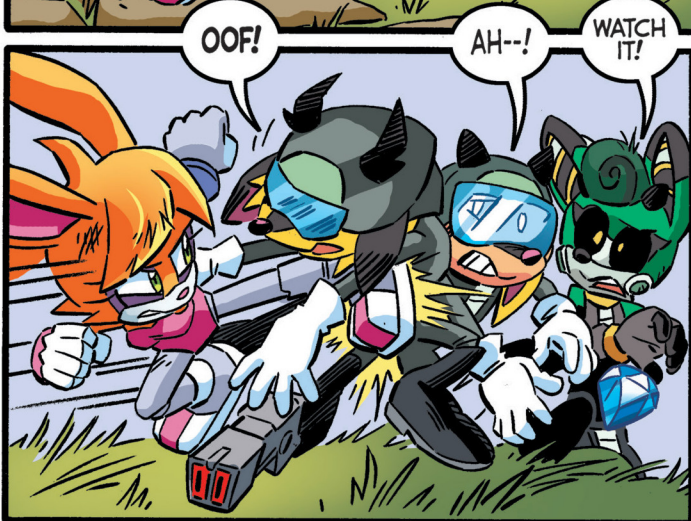
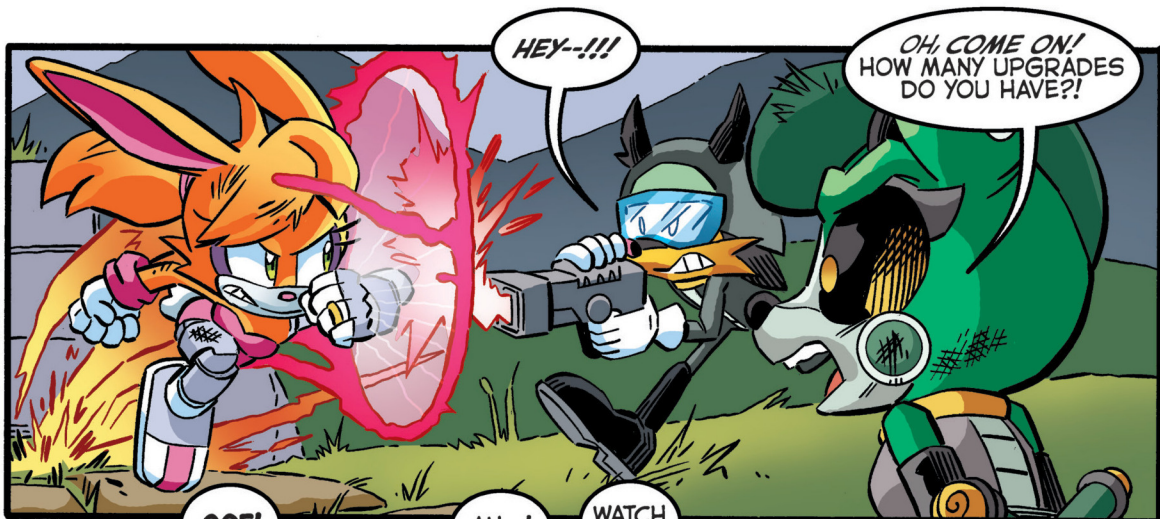
SURE IS! BUT I  
GUESS NOW I GOTTA  
FIGURE OUT WHAT  
TO DO...

...WITH YOU.









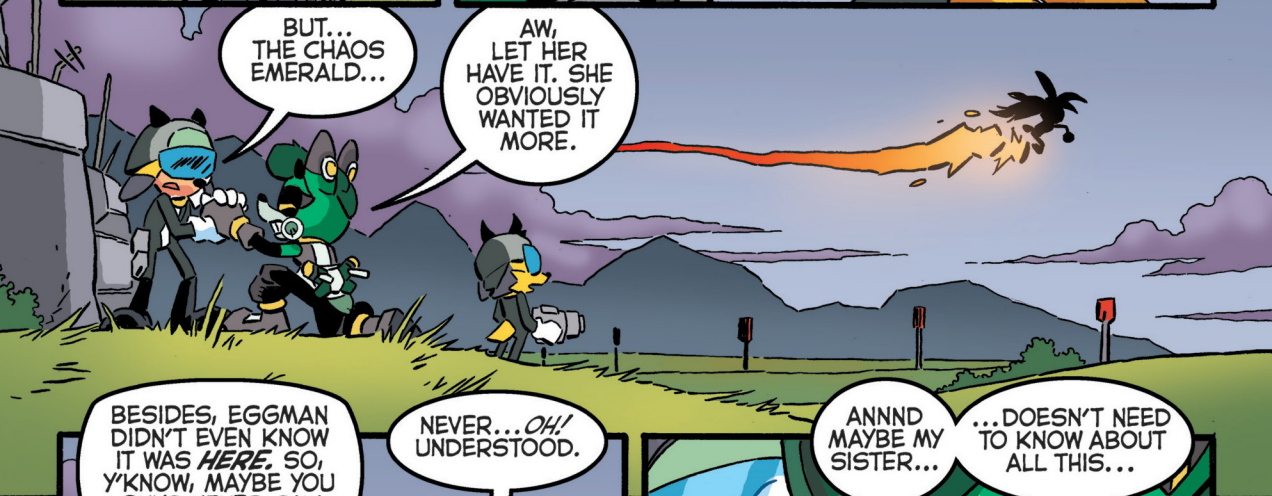




LADY  
CASSIA  
...?



PSHAHAHAHAHA!  
OH, MAN! HOW **BOLD**  
WAS THAT?!



BUT...  
THE CHAOS  
EMERALD...

AW,  
LET HER  
HAVE IT. SHE  
OBSOULETLY  
WANTED IT  
MORE.



BESIDES, EGGMAN  
DIDN'T EVEN KNOW  
IT WAS *HERE*. SO,  
Y'KNOW, MAYBE YOU  
GUYS NEVER SAW  
ANYTHING.

NEVER... OH!  
UNDERSTOOD.



ANNND  
MAYBE MY  
SISTER...

... DOESN'T NEED  
TO KNOW ABOUT  
ALL THIS...



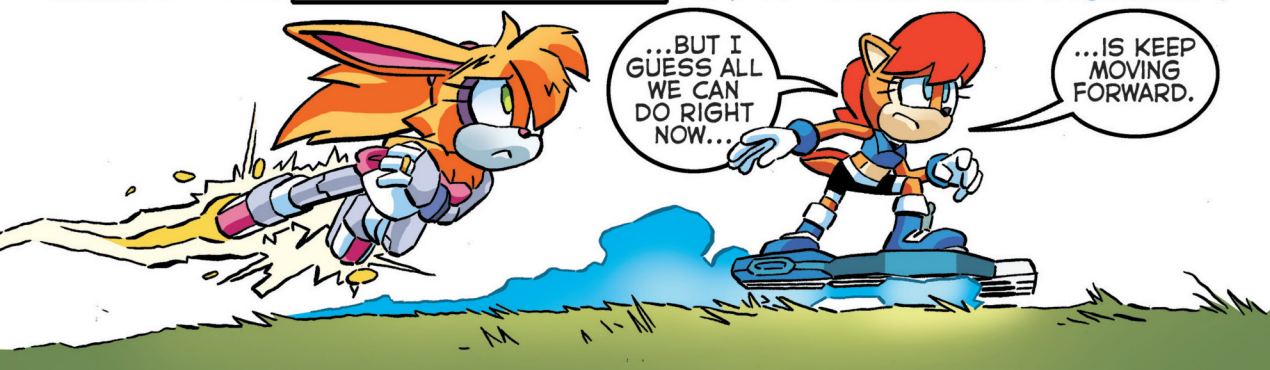
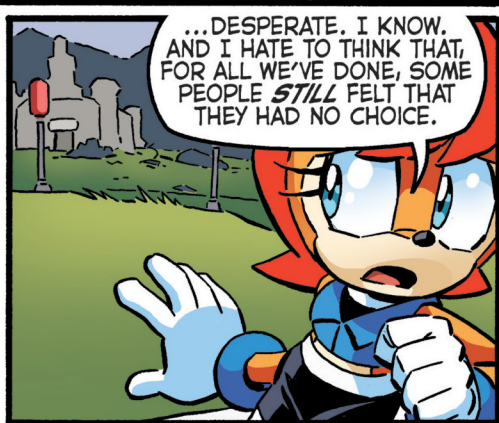
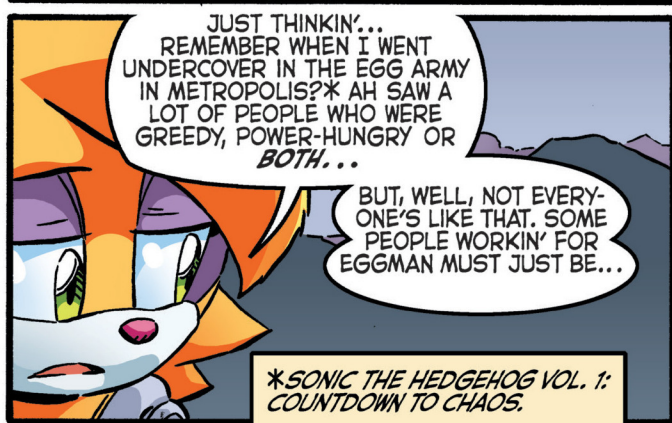
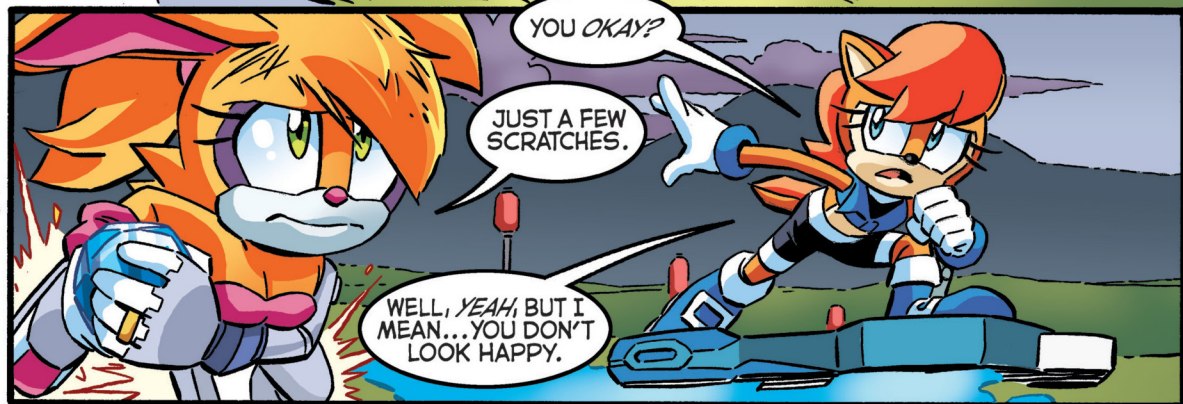
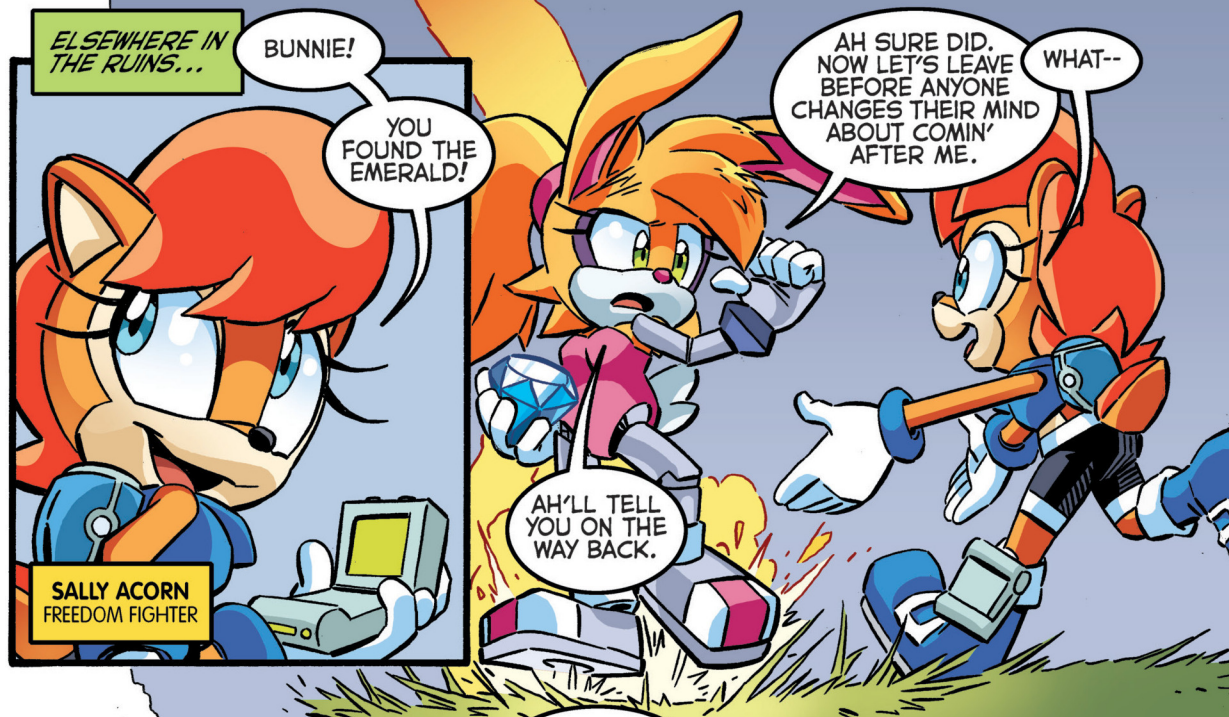
CASSIA?!

CRUDBUCKETS.











LATER, ABOARD THE  
SKY PATROL...

HEY, Y'ALL... DID  
SOMEONE ORDER  
ONE GEM OF  
INFINITE MYSTICAL  
POW--

OH, MA PAUVRE  
BUNNIE! YOU ARE  
HURT!

CREAM  
THE RABBIT  
(AND CHEESE)

AW, RELAX,  
SUGAR-TWAN, IT  
AIN'T SO BAD.

≥GASP≤ THAT'S  
THE LAST CHAOS  
EMERALD! YOU  
DID IT!

NOW WE  
CAN SAVE THE  
WORLD!

AND  
WE WILL!

I AM THINKING ZIS  
CALLS FOR SOME  
CELEBRATION, YES?  
TO ZE KITCHEN!

OOH, WHAT SHOULD  
WE MAKE? I'LL HELP,  
MR. D'COOLETTE!

ME, TOO!

AH, NON, MA CHÈRE  
PRINCESS... YOU AND  
BUNNIE SHOULD GET  
ZE REST.

AFTER ALL, IT IS  
THANKS TO YOU  
(AND NICOLE)...

...ZAT WE  
NOW HAVE ALL  
SEVEN CHAOS  
EMERALDS!



WITHIN THE EGG  
ARMY BASE...

DOCTOR...  
MY SISTER HAD  
ANOTHER...INCIDENT.  
I THOUGHT...

I THOUGHT THIS WASN'T  
SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN ANY-  
MORE! YOU **SAID** THAT ONCE  
SHE FINISHED ADAPTING TO  
THE CYBERNETICS, SHE'D  
BE **FINE!**

HMM... I **DID** SAY THAT.  
THE THING IS, THOUGH...

...I **LIED.**

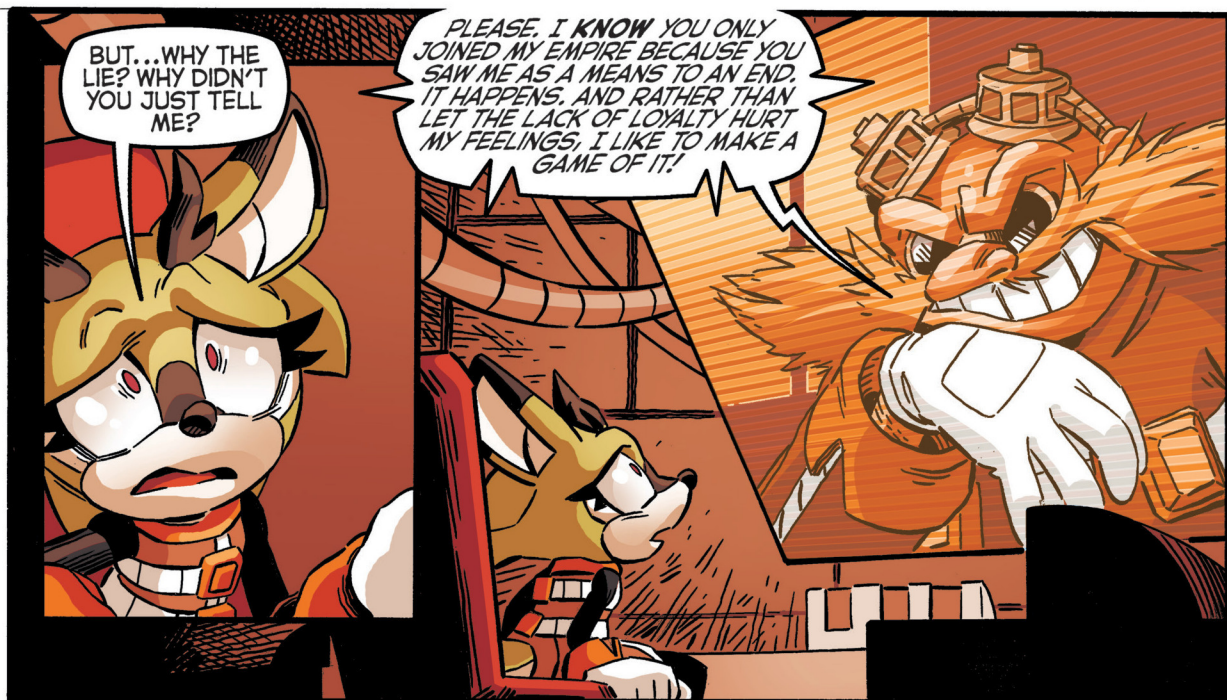
YES, MY CYBERNETICS RESTORED  
SOME FUNCTIONALITY, BUT I NEVER  
**CURED** HER CONDITION. IN FACT,  
I HAVE **NO IDEA** WHAT'S WRONG  
WITH HER! NOT REALLY THAT KIND  
OF DOCTOR.

THE TREATMENT ISN'T TO HELP  
HER ADAPT TO THE CYBERNETICS.  
SHE'S FINE IN **THAT** REGARD.

DOCTOR  
EGGMAN

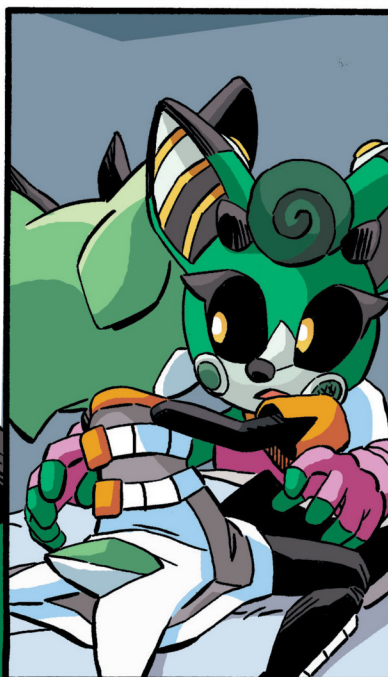
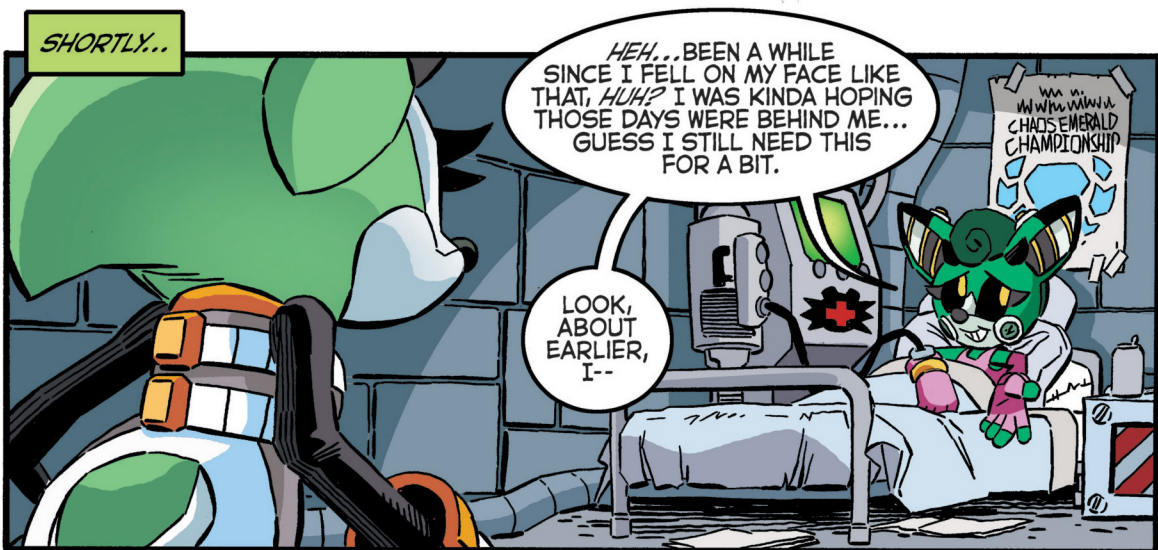
IT'S TO KEEP HER FROM  
DEGRADING **FURTHER...**  
AND IF SHE **STOPS**  
UNDERGOING IT, WELL...







SHORTLY...



THAT'S RIGHT. JUST A LITTLE WHILE LONGER...

THE END...  
*FOR NOW!*



# Letter from the EDITOR

Editorial commentary that's both "deer" to us and "for the birds"!

## Howdy, Sonic fans!

Do you know what time it is? That's right! It's time for another "buh-WHAAAAAATT???" moment in *Sonic the Hedgehog*! Betcha didn't see it coming that the **Shamar Freedom Fighters** were actually working together with **Egg Boss Nephthys**! Their alliance is just one example of how there is more to Sonic's world than just good and evil. We'll dig deeper into the sandy complexity that is the Shamar FF and Neph at

a later date. For now, please enjoy the dashing concepts of Neph by **Ian Flynn** and **Adam Bryce Thomas** below!

**BELOW:** Casual PJs color study for **Cassia the Pronghorn**.



Also, how cool was **Bunnie** in "Hidden Costs" pt. 3 and how cute are **Cassia's** pajamas?! You can see the full design by **Evan Stanley** to the left!

This won't be the last you'll see of **Clove** and **Cassia**! In fact, you'll encounter more of Clove in the all-new story arc, "Eggman's Dozen" starting in *Sonic Universe* #83!

That's all for now folks! 'Till next time, be cool, be wild and be groovy!

– Vincent "Vin" Lovallo  
Editor

*Vin*  
2016

**BELOW:** Various design concepts for the newest addition to the Egg Boss line-up, **Nephthys the Vulture**. "Nephthys" is the name of an ancient Egyptian god of the dead.

## NEPHTHYS THE EGYPTIAN VULTURE

EGG BOSS OF MIDEAST • Ian Flynn • June 2015

- named for the Egyptian goddess who protected the dead
- rigid, serious, but can be compassionate and motherly (more "serious business" than Clove)
- conspires with local F.F. to perpetuate a stalemate to prevent damaging conflict (Eggman never loses, but never gains ground, either)
- (Sonic & Co. seen as doing more harm than good by instigating Eggman)
- lifelong friend of local F.F., chose to become Egg Boss for their plan to work



Profile view.  
- golden cyborg mask  
- hinge-like jaw - NOT chubby cheeks!



- Mask is expressive  
- How? SCIENCE!



Back view of uniform





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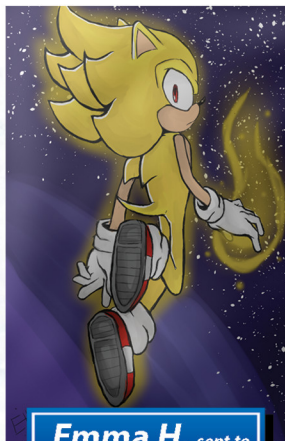
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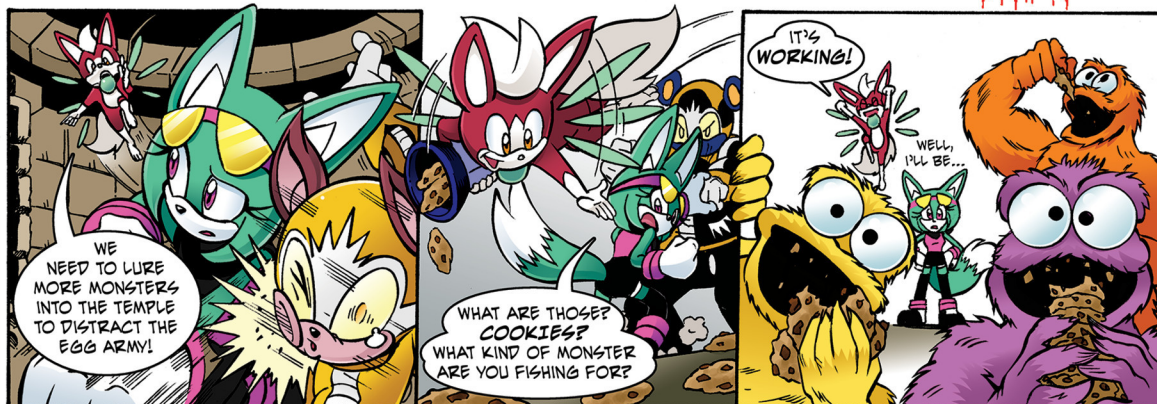


## OFF-PANEL

## C IS FOR KOOKY

OR

## THE COOKIE HORROR PICTURE SHOW







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Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

Hey! I have questions that need to be answered!

*Well, blunt, no-nonsense and to the point, I see! OK letter-writer-person- I have answers that need to be questioned! How d'ya like that?*

1. What were Sonic's emotions when he faced off against Metal Sonic for the first time?

*It was like a chorus of angels! They sang, they danced! They held hands, prancing upon sandy beaches in the moonlight as they happily beat each others brains out! It was HEAVEN.*

2. I'm talking to Sonic now. Sonic, what's it feel like to get roboticized?

*Its like a chorus of angels! There's singing, dancing, hand-holding and prancing upon sandy beaches in the moonlight! This isn't Sonic answering, by the way, it's Eggman! Do you see what I did here? <83*

3. What was your best win against Egghead?

*All of them. His best win was all of them.*

4. Will you please put this letter? PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEA— (This repeats somewhere around 20 more times and OOPS our first column is now out of room!)

PLEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEZE WITH A CHERRY CHEESECAKE ON TOP?

Talis W.  
from Virginia

*I'm not sure we'll have the space to print your letter, Talis! But if we do, check our letter columns to find it!*

Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

I love what you're doing at Archie with my favorite blue hero!

*Well, thank you, friend!*

I was wondering if you guys were going to feature Sonic using his boost to go all out with his speed. It's a theory, but the Cherenkov radiation he glows when moving faster than light would be awesome if you guys explain it. I hope this goes through. I love adding to the hype of the fastest thing alive!! Keep on juicin'!

Sterling H. sent to  
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*...Cherenkov? What does....? Huh!? "looks it up... blank, bewildered stare"*

*Sonic goes vroom-vroom! Thanks for the letter, Sterling! Keep on juicin'!*

Dear 'Sonic Grams,'  
Hey there!

*Hey, hey-hey!*

I've been a super-big fan of your comics. My first comic was the "Scourge:

Lockdown" arc, and from that moment on I knew I HAD to see more!

*Glad you stuck with us!*

That was about 3 years ago, and I'm pretty well updated. But I have some questions I'd like to ask: 1) What comics do I need to look for if I want to see the complete Worlds Unite saga?

*"Worlds Unite" encompasses these issues: Sonic Universe #76-78, Sonic Boom #8-10, Sonic the Hedgehog #273-275 and Mega Man™ #50-52 all of which are available on the Archie app!*

2) Who is Gold besides a telepathic Member of the Council?

*Gold is a tenrec who fled from a catastrophe on another world...*

3) Who was Silver's traitor? That's all for now guys! Thanks!

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*Princess Sally. 200+ years of history (and Silver jumping to conclusions) lost the details that she'd been roboticized and lost her free will! Of course, everything was later undone with the onset of the Super Genesis Wave... Hope that helped, Hannah!*

*And with that, we'll see y'all later!*

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